**Friends of Glen Gardens Meeting July 24th Ascot House**

**Attendees**:-Sue Freer, John Freer ( Chair) .Les Gee ,Celina Gee, John Mulcahy (membership secretary), Adi French, June Wood, Keith Wood.

**Apologies**:-Steve Astin, Christine Rafferty, Claire Kinnard, Liz Maynard, Apologies from invited Guest Suzanne Ellis.Chris Getlin

**Minutes of Last meeting**

John Mulcahy wished to clarify a point about membership forms. Adi French was to have received a copy of the new form to look over info regarding gardening times etc., from Chris Getlin but had not done so. Adi to follow up and once information on form has been clarified will forward to John Mulcahy

**Scarecrow Event**

June Wood informed the meeting that she did not think she had many entry forms returned to Ascot House yet (deadline is Aug 14th) Adi has provided extra forms to the Post office as they had run out but the other 5 venues did not yet need theirs replenishing.

John Mulcahy to assess how many houses will need flyers in each street .

Gill Oakes will be contacted re printing flyers

Splat the Rat will be at the Scarecrow event.

Scarecrow Flyers and Banners to be distributed and put up on Glen Gardens Railings and Molly Newton’s railings (East Parade) in next couple of weeks.

Next meeting to finalize plans for Scarecrow event to take place at Ascot House on Tue 21st Aug

Sue Freer to contact all bakers to ask for contributions for the weekend of Aug Sat 25th , 26th,&Monday 27(We will not be open on Tue 28 )

 **Xmas Lantern Event**

A bottle tombola will be held at this event instead of at Scarecrow event.

**KIOSK**

Adi asked about having permanent Kiosk opening times signs on gates. June said she is happy to continue to have responsibility for putting existing signs up and Sue Freer pointed out that the gates can look very busy with a lot of signage at times.

As we have not been able to increase our volunteer numbers despite all our efforts we will review opening times of Kiosk again at the end of the season in Oct.

**Gardening**

Adi French to buy new hose to add and extend existing one.

Adi French wanted confirmation that funds are available for her to purchase compost, some tools and manure for gardens next Sept. This will be discussed at next meeting.

 Sue Freer reported back from the last gardening meeting which six gardeners attended. Following a discussion at this meeting it was agreed that we would not spend the money donated to Fogg in memory of Alan Maynard employing a gardener but instead Liz Maynard has agreed to buy a number of large flowering shrubs which we will plant in the bed that runs along East Parade to bring year round colour and fill gaps in the planting in this bed.

Eleanor Dodson has asked volunteers at York cemetery if we could collect the bark chippings. She has had a response and they are happy for us to have as much as we want but we will have to collect. June Wood has offered us the use of her trailer and it was agreed that we would do this in Sept. Eleanor also reported that she had been in touch with Tim Linwood at Askham Bryan College and there may be a possibility of the students coming to Glen Gardens as part of a work experience project We won’t know if this is a possibility until the students return in Sept .

Dave Meigh has agreed that YCC will cover Health &safety and insurance required and we have accepted his offer of help with this. Iain Dunn YCC is to be the contact point for Askham Bryan .

**Children’s Play Area**

June Wood reported that there is some urgent work required in the slide and small swing area of the children’s playground. Celina Gee said she would contact Dave Meigh about this.

**Mosaic garden**

Not much gardening done due to extremely hot weather but planting still looking good in mosaic garden .

Bench has been ordered and paid for with money donated from the Ward Funding application and will be placed next to the Petanque court when it has been installed .Following a meeting between Dave Meigh (Y.C.C) and Efro Tooms , a contractor has been approached and we should have some date in next 2 months when work may begin .

Clare Taylor ( Ward Funding) sent an email to Celina Gee regarding ward funding applications and Celina will forward email to John Mulcahy who has agreed to look at the form with a view to applying on F.OGG’s. behalf for funds for a landscaping project in Glen Gardens .

**Poetry Bench**

Adi French informed the meeting that a date of mid -August had now been proposed for the installation of the Helen Cadbury memorial bench following an email from David Nicholson .

**Pergola**

A quote from Robur Joinery Ltd has been received and it was agreed that a decision would be made at the next meeting whether to accept this quote.

But no pergola work would take place until the Helen Cadbury bench was installed .Steve Astin wanted the meeting to know that he did not agreed to more that £2000 be spent on buying and installing a pergola.

Sue Freer suggested that Suzanne Ellis might be happy for us to buy a wisteria to go on existing pergola as part of her donation in memory of her partner Paul It was generally felt that this was a good idea and as Suzanne was not able to come to the meeting as planned we would contact her to ask her if she would be happy for some of the money to be spent in this way.

**Website**

John Mulcahy is to contact Chris Getlin about rephrasing some of the information on the website.

**Finance Report** ;Current Funds including donations £4743.71

Party in Park raised £290.83

John freer to contact Stephen Astin (Treasurer) to clarify insurance of Kiosk

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**A.O.B**.

John Bycroft who was a friend of Glen Gardens and a regular bowler has sadly died. His funeral is on 31st July and FO.G.G will be represented by Les Gee and Keith Wood . If anyone else wishes to attend please contact Keith Wood for more details.

Celina Gee has had an email from Dave Meigh regarding research student Charlie ?She will make contact and report back to Fogg

John Mulcahy reported to the group that he had approached Glen Lodge about us, during the winter months the Kiosk is closed ie Oct to April, to ‘move’ the Kiosk to Glen Lodge and open every 2nd Sat.

 To be discussed at a separate kiosk meeting and a future committee meeting. Date to be arranged .

**Next meeting**

 Tue Aug 21 st 7pm at Ascot House

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